

Important Information about **Austin Elementary School**

WHY IS MY SCHOOL IDENTIFIED FOR IMPROVEMENT?

- Our school has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for **2** years, based on state ISTEP+ test results.
- Our school did not make AYP this year in the following areas: one area, **The English , Special Education Subgroup**
- Enclosed is a report showing how our school's performance compares to other schools in our district and our state.
- Additional information about our school's performance can be found at www.doe.in.gov/data/.

WHAT DOES SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MEAN?

- A school is identified for improvement after it has not made AYP for two consecutive years.
- Schools in improvement will be in one of two groups, depending on the extent to which the school needs to improve:
 - Focused improvement schools are schools that did not make AYP in a few areas.
 - Comprehensive improvement schools did not make AYP in many areas.
- The levels of support and the requirements from the Indiana Department of Education are different for focused schools and for comprehensive schools. Designed to target resources based on the level of need, this approach for supporting schools is called the Differentiated Accountability Model and has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Our school is identified for **YEAR 1, FOCUSED IMPROVEMENT**.

WHAT IS MY SCHOOL DOING TO ADDRESS MY STUDENT'S NEEDS?

- The school will develop a plan that meets the needs of all students
- The district and state will help us by providing funding or training for teachers, hiring of new teachers, or offering extra programs such as after school or summer school tutoring.
- Parents will have the option to enroll him/her in free tutoring services.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Be sure that your child attends school every day.

- Parents can volunteer in their child's class; attend parent meetings and family nights.
- Parents are needed to review our Title I parent policy and compacts, as well as our school improvement plan.

AS A PARENT, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS UNDER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT?

SCHOOL CHOICE

- In School Districts with more than 1 school, all students may transfer to a different school in their district.
- Austin Elementary School is the only school in our district. Choice is not an option.

FREE TUTORING

- Your child may be eligible for free reading or math tutoring.
- Your child is eligible if:
 - He/she receives free/reduced price lunch, **and**
 - Did not pass ISTEP+ (or other measure of academic success).
- Tutoring may take place after school, on the weekends, or during the summer.
- More information, including a list of approved tutoring providers and enrollment information will be sent to you **the week of January 17th**.
- Information about free tutoring is available at www.scsd1.com.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call **Robert Anderson** at **812-794-8743**. We will be happy to assist you.